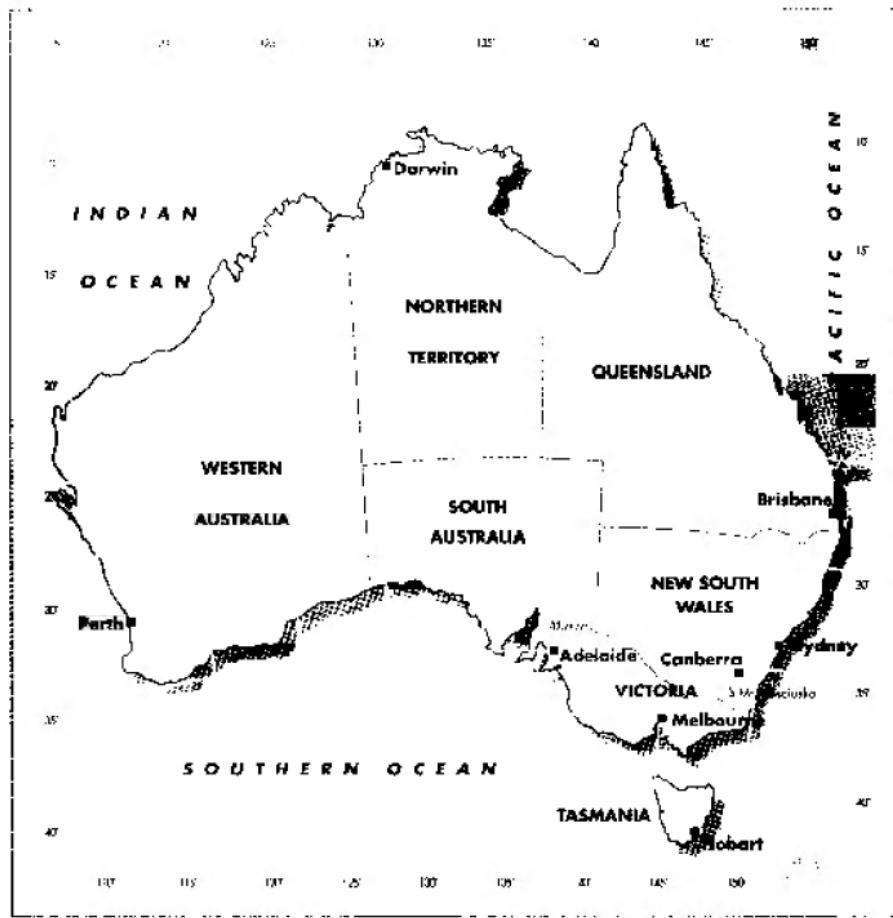


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at a glance

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Australia comprises a land area of 7,682,300 square kilometres. The land lies between latitudes 10°41' south (Cape York) and 43°39' south (South East Cape, Tasmania) and between longitudes 113°09' east (Steep Point) and 153°39' east (Cape Byron).

The area of Australia is almost as great as that of the United States of America (excluding Alaska), about 50 per cent greater than Europe (excluding former USSR) and 32 times greater than the United Kingdom.

Australia is composed of six States: New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia, Tasmania and two Territories: Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

The longest river in Australia is the Murray River, 2,520 kilometres, which forms a natural border between the States of New South Wales and Victoria. The highest mountain in Australia is Mount Kosciusko, 2,230 metres, which is situated in New South Wales.

State/ Territory	Area ('000 km ²)	Length of coastline (km)	Estimated resident population June '93 ('000)	Capital city	Estimated resident population of city June '93 ('000)
NSW	802	1 900	5 998	Sydney	3 714
Vic.	228	1 800	4 465	Melbourne	3 189
Qld	1 727	7 400	3 116	Brisbane	1 422
SA	984	3 700	1 463	Adelaide	1 071
WA	2 526	12 500	1 676	Perth	1 221
Tas.	68	3 200	471	Hobart	193
NT	1 346	6 200	169	Darwin	78
ACT	(a)2	(b)35	(b)299	Canberra	(b)299
Aust.	7 682	36 735	(b)17 657	Canberra	(b)299

(a) Excludes Jervis Bay Territory. (b) Includes Jervis Bay Territory.

AGRICULTURE

	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Gross value of agriculture	\$m 21 159	20 861	21 836
Crops	\$m 9 075	9 866	10 595
Livestock slaughtering etc.	\$m 5 721	5 738	6 024
Livestock products	\$m 6 354	5 244	5 205
Wheat production	'000 t 15 066	10 557	14 739
Meat production (excl. poultry)	'000 t 2 741	2 794	2 798
Wool production	'000 t 843	736	712

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Balance on current account	\$m - 11 971	- 15 337	- 16 436
Balance of merchandise trade (BOP basis)	\$m 3 819	595	- 529
Net services	\$m - 2 243	- 2 414	- 1 368
Net income	\$m - 15 788	- 14 245	- 14 814
Net unrequited transfers	\$m 2 241	727	275
Balance on capital account	\$m 16 444	16 895	7 966
Total official	\$m 6 673	15 619	5 279
Total non-official	\$m 9 771	1 275	2 686

BUILDING

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
New houses completed	'000 100	115	121
New other residential building completed	'000 33	41	46
Value of new residential building completed	\$m 11 284	13 240	14 368
Value of non-residential building completed	\$m 12 122	10 440	9 280

CLIMATE

	Average temperature	
	Average annual	Average daily hours
	January	July

EXCHANGE RATES (average)

United States dollar	units per \$A	0.7694	0.7030	0.6919
United Kingdom pound	units per \$A	0.4381	0.4363	0.4623
German mark	units per \$A	1.274	1.103	1.171
Japanese yen	units per \$A	100.97	84.22	73.52

Source: Reserve Bank of Australia — exchange rates are derived using rates in respect of each trading day.

FINANCE

Government finance	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Revenue (all governments)	\$m 139 320	135 390	139 370
Cwth income tax, persons	\$m 50 061	46 687	47 328
Other Cwth government taxes	\$m 43 278	40 717	41 337
State and local government taxes	\$m 25 577	27 257	29 017
Total outlay (all governments)	\$m 150 817	160 299	163 527
Final consumption expenditure	\$m 60 209	64 204	67 237
Personal benefit payments to residents	\$m 37 351	42 387	45 926
Expenditure on new fixed assets	\$m 21 966	21 404	21 309

Private finance

Private finance	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Assets of financial institutions (June balances)			
Banks(a)	\$m 361 908	382 849	412 932
FCA corporations(a)(b)	\$m 122 091	111 662	112 791
Statutory funds of life offices	\$m 102 161	107 545	111 664
Superannuation & approved deposit funds	\$m 88 382	96 787	105 883
Public unit trusts	\$m 25 599	28 406	36 874
Friendly societies	\$m 8 988	9 182	9 009
Common funds	\$m 4 373	4 573	4 884
Cash management trusts	\$m 5 345	5 136	5 366
Consumer finance commitments			

Canberra	633	7.5	27.7	12.9	11.1	-0.2
Sydney	1 224	6.7	25.8	18.5	16.1	8.0
Melbourne	658	5.7	25.8	14.0	13.3	5.8
Brisbane	1 190	7.9	29.2	20.6	20.6	9.5
Adelaide	530	6.9	28.5	16.6	14.9	7.5
Perth	868	7.9	29.7	17.9	17.4	9.0
Hobart	627	5.9	21.5	11.7	11.5	4.5
Darwin	1 651	8.4	31.8	24.8	30.4	19.3

Hottest day ever recorded Cloncurry, Qld 53.1°C 16.1.1889
 Coldest day ever recorded Charlotte Pass, NSW -23.0°C 28.6.1994

Source: Bureau of Meteorology.

CONSUMER PRICE AND OTHER PRICE INDEXES

		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
CPI weighted av. 8 capital cities, All groups	1989-90=100.0	107.3	108.4	110.4
Export	1989-90=100.0	89.6	93.5	91.8
Import	1989-90=100.0	102.7	112.1	115.6
Building materials---house	1985-86=100.0	142.4	145.2	152.1
Building materials---other	1989-90=100.0	105.7	106.0	107.5
Manufacturing				
Materials used	1984-85=100.0	120.7	126.6	124.6
Articles produced	1988-89=100.0	111.6	114.3	115.5

DEMOGRAPHY

		1991	1992	1993
Population at 30 June	'000	17 284.0	17 489.1	17 657.4
Aged less than 15 years	%	21.9	21.8	21.7
Aged 15-64 years	%	66.8	66.8	66.7
Aged 65 years and over	%	11.3	11.5	11.7
Births	'000	257	264	260
Overseas born mothers	%	24.0	24.2	24.3
Australian born mothers	%	76.0	75.8	75.7
Deaths	'000	119	124	122
Marriages	'000	114	115	113
Divorces	'000	46	46	48

Business finance commitments

Commercial finance	\$m	76 645	86 967	95 104
Lease finance	\$m	4 477	4 914	5 846

(a) Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. (b) Includes corporations registered as categories A to G under the Financial Corporation Act, such as building societies, credit unions and money market corporations.

HEALTH

		1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Governments health expenditure(a)	\$m	31 132	32 758	34 338
Persons with private health insurance(b)	%	52.3	52.0	47.8
Persons without private health insurance(b)	%	47.6	47.9	52.1

(a) Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. (b) At June 1988, June 1990 and June 1992.

Beds at 30 June

		1991	1992	1993
Recognised (public) hospitals	no.	64 592	56 276	55 407
Private hospitals (licensed)	no.	22 312	21 974	22 449
Day hospital facilities	no.	507	561	599
All beds	no.	87 411	78 811	78 455
Beds per '000 population		5.0	4.5	4.4

Hospitals at 30 June

		1991	1992	1993
Recognised (public) hospitals	no.	705	706	696
Private hospitals	no.	324	320	349
Day hospital facilities	no.	60	78	98
All hospitals	no.	1 089	1 104	1 143

Source: Department of Human Services and Health.

Major causes of death

Heart disease	no.	37 408	38 877	37 255
Malignant neoplasms (cancer)	no.	31 285	32 033	32 691
Cerebrovascular disease (stroke)	no.	11 883	11 986	12 138
Respiratory disease	no.	8 906	10 068	9 245

Overseas movements of persons	1991–92	1992–93	1993–94	Accidents	no.	4 797	4 678	4 940
Net permanent and long-term movement	'000	90	63	Suicide	no.	2 360	2 294	2 081
Visitor arrivals, short-term	'000	2 520	2 786	Total all deaths	no.	119 146	123 680	121 599
Resident departures, short-term	'000	2 173	2 300					

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS 1992–93

Birthplace major settler arrivals	1991	1992	1993	Country	Balance on merchandise trade	Consumer price index (all items)	Producer price index (1985=100.0)
					(\$US mill.)	(1985=100.0)	(1985=100.0)
UK and Ireland	no.	18 940	12 290	9 240			
New Zealand	no.	6 730	7 310	6 840			
Viet Nam	no.	10 670	7 390	5 660			
Hong Kong	no.	14 490	9 820	3 830			
<i>Total all settler arrivals</i>	no.	116 650	94 250	65 680			
Birthplace major refugee arrivals	1990–91	1991–92	1992–93	Australia	830	153.8	143.5
					13 959	134.6	112.1
Former Yugoslav Republics	no.	—	337	Canada			
Viet Nam	no.	3 136	1 561	France			
Former USSR and Baltic States	no.	97	18	Germany			
Iraq	no.	98	1 231	Italy			
<i>Total all refugee arrivals</i>	no.	7 745	7 157	Japan			
				NZ	113 646	112.9	95.2
				OECD Major 7	843	163.0	135.6
				UK	..	129.9	113.7
				USA	n.y.a.	147.6	138.4
					– 102 135	132.5	118.9

Source: Department of Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs.

EDUCATION	1990–91	1991–92	1992–93	Country	Wages index	Employ- ment index	Unemploy- ment rate (%)
					(1985=100)	(1985=100)	(1985=100)
Government expenditure	\$m	18 879	20 364	Australia	141	114	10.9
Private expenditure	\$m	4 731	4 963	Canada	134	110	11.2
				France	131	103	11.7
				Germany	139	109	5.7
School students				Italy	158	101	10.7
Government	'000	2 217.2	2 234.1	Japan	126	111	2.5
Non-government	'000	857.9	864.9	NZ	154	94	9.6
Total	'000	3 075.1	3 099.0	OECD Major 7	134	108	7.0
Technical & further education students(a)	'000	1 554.1	1 743.9	UK	177	102	10.3
Higher education students(b)	'000	534.5	559.4				

INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT POSITION				Accommodation			
	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93		1991	1992	1993
Net foreign liabilities at 30 June	\$m 189 651	199 536	221 110	Hotels, motels, etc.			
Foreign investment in Australia	\$m 287 547	304 801	333 795	Establishments	no. 4 874	4 897	4 832
Australian investment abroad	\$m 97 896	105 265	112 685	Rooms available at 31 December	no. 161 913	166 597	116 743
Net foreign debt at 30 June	\$m 142 472	153 499	168 787	Room nights occupied	'000 29 058	30 297	32 398
Foreign borrowing	\$m 178 824	190 408	207 483	Room occupancy rate	% 50.1	50.4	53.3
Australian lending abroad and reserve assets	\$m 36 352	36 908	38 696	Takings from accommodation	\$m 2 332.2	2 427.7	2 626.1
Ratio of net foreign liabilities at 30 June to GDP	% 49.8	51.3	54.5	Caravan parks			
Ratio of net foreign debt at 30 June to GDP	% 37.4	39.4	41.6	Establishments	no. 2 698	2 682	2 704
INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE				Sites available	no. 287 191	286 734	288 300
	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	Site nights occupied	'000 36 382	(a) 45 132.6	
Total exports f.o.b.	\$m 55 027	60 720	64 611	Short-term caravan parks			
Total imports (customs value)	\$m 50 984	59 575	64 470	Sites available at 31 December	no. 190 625	181 584	188 934
Percentage of total exports to Japan	% 26.5	25.0	24.6	Site occupancy rate	% 27.2	(a) 38.8	
ASEAN	% 13.2	14.3	13.7	Takings from accommodation	\$m 213.2	217.9	229.8
EC	% 12.5	11.6	11.3	Holiday flats, units and houses			
Percentage of total imports from Japan	% 18.2	18.7	18.1	Letting entities	no. 1 429	1 425	1 493
USA	% 23.0	21.8	21.7	Units available at 31 December	no. 34 234	33 975	35 486
Major export commodities f.o.b.				Unit nights occupied	'000 6 088	6 129	6 467
Machinery and transport equipment	\$m 5 033	6 415	7 493	Unit occupancy rate	% 50.4	49.9	51.4
Metalliferous ores and metal	\$m 7 639	7 572	7 291	Takings from accommodation	\$m 345.8	356.6	383.3
Coal, coke and briquettes	\$m 6 948	7 623	7 260				
Gold, non-monetary	\$m 4 023	4 315	5 295				
Meat	\$m 3 436	3 743	4 038				
Non-ferrous metals	\$m 3 558	3 996	3 877				
Wool, not carded/combed	\$m 3 462	2 988	2 907				
Wheat	\$m 1 510	1 987	2 293				
Major import commodities (customs value)							
TRANSPORT					1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
				Motor vehicles on register, June (a)	'000 9 934	10 237	10 432
				Cars and station wagons, June	'000 7 734	7 913	8 050
				New motor vehicles registered (a)	'000 563	538	559
				Civil aviation (passenger km) (b)			
				Regular internal services	mill. 14 516	19 082	18 996
				Overseas services (Qantas)	mill. 26 774	28 397	33 189
				(a) Includes motor cycles; excludes tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers. (b) Source: Department of Transport — AVSTATS.			

Chemicals and related products	\$m	5 575	6,625	7 045
LABOUR FORCE		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Annual averages				
Employed persons	'000	7 636.7	7 633.9	7 780.6
Unemployed persons	'000	881.7	940.5	915.5
Unemployment rate	%	10.4	11.0	10.5
Job vacancies, May	'000	24	30	49
Trade union membership, August	'000	n.a.	2 508.8	2 376.9
Industrial disputes, work days lost, year ended 30 June	'000	1 170.3	r1 015.7	530.9
MANUFACTURING		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Basic iron	'000 t	6 394	6 445	7 210
Clay bricks	ML	1 632	1 722	1 812
Cement	'000 t	5 731	6 225	6 647
Beer	ML	1 862	1 805	1 752
Assembled motor vehicles	'000	283	290	321
Electricity	MkWh	156 413	159 872	161 813
Gas	million MJ	553 438	567 647	587 382
Electric motors	'000	2 421	2 795	2 929
Yarn — cotton	t	25 069	26 344	30 371
Yarn — wool	t	18 551	18 167	21 016
Census		1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Employment at end of June(a)	'000	961.6	906.9	p866.9
Wages and salaries(b)	\$m	28 022	27 068	p26 866
Tumover	\$m	171 245	168 019	p170 214
(a) Includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes the drawings of working proprietors.				
MINING		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Black coal, raw	'000 t	218 262	222 504	p221 783
Iron ore and concentrates	'000 t	115 302	116 041	p123 892

Reward rates or pay index, full-time adult employees at 30 June 1985=100.0	138.7	139.8	141.4
Earnings & hours (incl. o/time) full-time adult non-managerial employees, May			
Av. weekly total earnings	\$ 578.20	601.50	p618.50
Hours	no. 39.4	39.7	p39.9

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

Annual periods shown as, for example, 1993 refer to the year ended 31 December 1993; those shown as, for example, 1993-94 refer to the year ended 30 June 1994. Values are shown in Australian dollars (\$) unless another currency is specified. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between the sums of the component items and totals.

n.a.	-	not available	MJ	-	megajoules
n.y.a.	-	not yet available	MkWh	-	mega kilo watt hours
p	-	preliminary data	ML	-	megalitres
r	-	revised data	mm	-	millimetres
SA	-	Australian dollars	mill.	-	million
Av.	-	average	\$m	-	million dollars
Cwith	-	Commonwealth	min.	-	minimum
°C	-	degrees Celsius	no.	-	number
excl.	-	excluding	%	-	percentage
GL	-	gigalitres	km ²	-	square kilometres
inc.	-	including	'000	-	thousands
max.	-	maximum	t	-	tonnes

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Crude oil (incl. condensate)	ML	31 309	30 703	p28 672
Natural gas	GL	22 564	23 959	p26 114

Source: Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS		1991–92	1992–93	1993–94
Gross domestic product (GDP)(I)	\$m	387 325	403 852	425 566
Gross farm product	\$m	10 453	11 556	11 495
GDP(A) at 1989–90 prices	\$m	368 692	379 788	394 655
Gross farm product at 1989–90 prices	\$m	13 871	14 741	14 952
Gross fixed capital exp.— total	\$m	76 676	79 566	82 895
Gross fixed capital exp.— private	\$m	58 090	60 320	64 872
Household income	\$m	312 792	322 687	337 009
Private consumption expenditure	\$m	242 559	252 890	264 235
RETAIL TURNOVER		1991–92	1992–93	1993–94
(excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.)	\$m	93 373.0	96 453.6	101 073.6
TOURISM		1991	1992	1993p
Short-term travellers(a)				
Source country, major o/seas visitors				
Japan	'000	528.5	629.9	670.8
NZ	'000	480.6	447.5	499.3
UK	'000	263.8	289.9	310.3
USA	'000	271.8	267.9	281.3
Total all visitors	'000	2 370.4	2 603.3	2 996.2
Major destinations of Australian travellers				
NZ	'000	318.3	340.7	347.2
USA	'000	308.7	334.6	300.1
UK	'000	220.6	240.4	241.1
Indonesia	'000	174.7	185.2	198.8
Total all travellers	'000	2 099.4	2 276.3	2 267.1

(a) Less than one year.

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